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DEPARTMENT FOR BOWDEN, ISW/TREASURY FROM HUMMON

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: EAID, SA
SUBJ: CID AND SEKRANE PROJECTS

1. USREP DIRECTOR MET TODAY, JULY 8, WITH DR. AL-GAIN AND KING ABDUL-AZIZ UNIVERSITY STAFF AND FACULTY. SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, AL-GAIN WISHES TO PROCEED ASAP WITH CID PROJECT FOR FIVE FACULTY POSITIONS AS FOLLOWS:
A. ARID LAND SPECIALIST/HUMAN ECOLOGIST (ALSO CHIEF OF PARTY). AL-GAIN SUGGESTS AS POSSIBILITY THEODORE DOWNING IF AVAILABLE.
B. WATERSHED HYDROLOGIST/ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST
C. SPECIALIST IN SYNOPTIC METEOROLOGY
D. SPECIALIST IN DYNAMIC METEORLOGY
E. SPECIALIST IN WATER RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION.

2. UNIVERSITY DOES NOT WISH HAVE DESIGNATION OF SEPARATE CHIEF OF PARTY BUT BELIEVES ONE OF FIVE ADVISORS ABOVE, PREFERABLY ARID LAND SPECIALIST/HUMAN ECOLOGIST, SHOULD WEAR TWO HATS. AT BEGINNING ANY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT COULD BE HIRED LOCALLY.
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KAAU WILL PROVIDE CLEARCAL ASSISTANCE AND OFFICE SPACE. EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS WILL BE FUNDED OUTSIDE CID BUDGET.

3. AL-GAIN REQUESTS SUBMISSION OF BUDGET BY JECOR FOR FIRST YEAR OF CID PROJECT ASAP FOR REVIEW BY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL. HOPEFULLY THIS WEEK. BUDGET

CALCULATIONS SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PARAGRAPH TWO ABOVE. ALSO, AL-GAIN UNDERSTANDS THAT RECRUITMENT MAY INCLUDE EXTRA COSTS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF REPLACING PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO SAUDI ARABIA.

4. IF BUDGET APPROVED BY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL, AL-GAIN WISHES TO PROCEED WITH FULL FIRST-YEAR FUNDING OF PROJECT AND IMMEDIATE RECRUITMENT OF FIVE FACULTY ADVISORS. IF POSSIBLE, AL-GAIN WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FACULTY ADVISORS FROM CID BY FIRST SEMESTER BEGINNING IN OCTOBER. FAILING THAT, THEY SHOULD ARRIVE BY SECOND SEMESTER WHICH STARTS IN JANUARY.

5. ASSUMING ALL CLEARANCES OBTAINED, AL-GAIN PREPARED TO SIGN PROJECT AGREEMENT EITHER NOW OR AT JOINT COMMISSION MEETING. IF LATTER, HE CONCURS IN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS ALONG LINES OF THE PROPOSED BELOW FOR SEKRANE PROJECT. AL-GAIN ONLY ASKS THAT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS NOT DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT. USREP RECOMMENDS SIGNING AT JOINT COMMISSION MEETING SINCE IT WOULD LIKELY BRING INTO THE SESSION MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND RECTOR OF KAAY.

6. RE SEKRANE, DR. AL-GAIN WISHES TO PROCEED WITH FOUR POSITIONS RATHER THAN TWO. HE WILL IDENTIFY THESE TWO ADDITIONAL POSITIONS IN NEXT 2-3 DAYS.
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HE SAYS HE IS PREPARED NOW TO PROCEED WITH FULL FIRST-YEAR FINANCING OF THE PROJECT AND COULD SIGN PROJECT AGREEMENT SHORTLY. HOWEVER, WE CONCLUDED THAT THIS AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED AT THE JOINT COMMISSION MEETING IN NOVEMBER TO GIVE IT FULL PUBLICITY. HUMMMON SUGGESTED PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF LETTERS (PER PARAGRAPH 7 BELOW) WHICH WAS CONCURRED IN BY DR. AL-GAIN. PLEASE NOTE THAT FIGURE OF \$1,253,000 COVERS FOUR POSITIONS, COURSES AND SEMINARS, U.S. TRAINING AND U.S. CONSULTANTS. IT DOES NOT INCLUDE EQUIPMENT PROCUREMENT WHICH WOULD BE FINANCED OUT OF SEPARATE FUNDS.

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7. PROPOSED LETTER OF EXCHANGE SUBJECT WASHINGTON APPROVAL
IS AS FOLLOWS:

TO: DR. AL-TURKI

SHEIKH R.M. ROMAIH

FROM: JOHN JUMMON

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF FIRST PHASE OF METEOROLOGY
AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROJECT

AS A RESULT OF RECENT DISCUSSIONS, I BELIEVE WE
AGREE THAT THE PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR METEOROLOGY AND
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SHOULD BE SIGNED AT THE
JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR
NOVEMBER SO AS TO ALLOW ADEQUATE DISCUSSION OF IT AT
THAT TIME AND ALSO TO PERMIT THE PUBLICITY WHICH AN
IMPORTANT PROJECT SUCH AS THIS DESERVES. IT IS ALSO
MY UNDERSTANDING, HOWEVER, THAT WE AGREE IT IS
HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
FIRST PHASES OF THE PROJECT BEFORE THAT TIME.

I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT THIS MEMORANDUM BE
MUTUALLY ACCEPTED AS AUTHORIZING THE FOLLOWING
PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES UNDER THE PROJECT:

RECRUITMENT OF FOUR U.S. EXPERTS IN THE FIELD

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OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND PLANS, PROGRAMS
AND BUDGETS, (THIRD AND FOURTH POSITIONS TO
BE IDENTIFIED BY DR. AL-GAIN SHORTLY) AND
-- ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICES IN NOAA AND EPA
CONSISTING OF ONE PROFESSIONAL AND ONE
CLERICAL PERSON IN EACH AGENCY.
TO FINANCE THESE PRELIMINARY ACTIVITIES \$1,253,000
SHOULD BE DEPOSITED IN THE TRUST ACCOUNT TO COVER THE
APPROXIMATE ANNUAL COSTS OF THE ABOVE. SINCE \$328,000

IS ALREADY ON DEPOSIT, ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS WOULD
BE \$928,000.

IN MAKING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, WE UNDERSTAND
THERE IS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON ALL THE ELEMENTS
OF THE FINAL PROJECT INCLUDING:

-- THE GENERAL TERMS OF THE DRAFT PROJECT AGREE-
MENT AND THE SCOPE OF THE WORK TO BE CONDUCTED
UNDER IT, AND

-- THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF
THE PROJECT.

APPROVED BY: (TO BE SIGNED)

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DR. AL-TURKI

SHEIKH R.M. ROMAIH

8. REQUEST APPROVAL/COMMENTS ABOVE. ABOVE DISCUSSED
TODAY IN GENERAL TERMS WITH DR. AL-TURKI WHO CONCURS
IN SIGNING OF AGREEMENT AT JOINT COMMISSION MEETING
AND IDEA OF EXCHANGE OF LETTERS. HOWEVER, HE HAS
NOT YET SEEN PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.
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